

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 79, December 08, 1972**]

REVISING THE POPULATION ACT OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY ONE.

WHEREAS, Republic Act 6365, entitled "An Act Establishing a National Policy on Population, creating the Commission on Population and for other purposes was enacted into law on August 15, 1971;

WHEREAS, in order to effectively implement the population program, vital amendments to R. A. 6365 are necessary;

WHEREAS, the population program is an integral and vital part of social reform and economic development;

WHEREAS, one of the objectives of Proclamation No. 1081. is to effect social, economic and political reforms, and thus bring about the transformation of a new society in our country, a society designed to improve the quality of life of each Filipino;

WHEREAS, family planning and responsible parenthood assure greater opportunity for each Filipino to reach his full potential and to attain his individual dignity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution of the Philippines as Commander-in-Chief of all Armed Forces of the Philippines and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972 and General Order No. 1, dated September 22, 1972, as amended, and in order to effect desired changes and reforms in the social, economic, and political structures of our society, do hereby adopt, approve and make as part of the law of the land, the attached measure.

Changes and modifications in this Revised Population Act shall be made from time to time as necessity requires, to be correspondingly announced by me or by my duly authorized representative.

This Decree shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 8th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-two.

**(Sgd.) FERDINAND E.
MARCOS**

President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:

**(Sgd.) ALEJANDRO
MELCHOR**

Secretary Executive